

# Mary Janet (Godfrey) Baker (June 16, 1918 - April 27, 2015)

## Obituary



With great sadness we announce the peaceful passing of Mary at the age of 96. Predeceased by her husband, Cyril Ellis Baker (1971) and survived by children, Ted (Jane), Ray (Vivian), Ken (Valerie), and Karen (Bill). Mary's grandchildren include Correne, Carsen, Grayson, Graeme (Ted), Jeremy, Breeanne (Ray), Karla, Scott (Ken), Marisa, Spencer (Karen), and 5 great-grandchildren, Kyra, Riley (Correne), Dallas, Nevada (Breeanne), and Madeleine (Graeme).

Born and raised in Victoria, B.C., Mary was very proud of her Godfrey clan and her Cadboro Bay roots. Mary grew up on Telegraph Bay Road working the family dairy farm with milk runs through Cadboro Bay and Oak Bay. She married Cyril in 1941 and together they built their first home on Queenswood Drive in 1954 where they raised four children. Many family weekends were spent at Otter Point and Sooke River properties. Cyril passed away in 1971 and in 1988, Mary moved from Queenswood Drive to a smaller home in Oak Bay. She enjoyed camping and working in her garden as well as attending a few dances to show off her two-step moves. Mary loved assisting seniors in her community and was recognized by the Mayor, with a 20 year pin, to celebrate her contributions and dedication as an Oak Bay volunteer.

Sooke River was Mary's 'piece of heaven' where she could have a picnic by the river, enjoy the wildlife, and delight in the tranquility of the property. Mary's love of family was dear to her heart and everyone who met her felt her positive outlook and love of life. Her passion for nature lives on in all of us. There are no words to describe how much she will be missed.

A sincere thank you to the Oak Bay Lodge staff for the wonderful care they provided Mary. In lieu of flowers and if desired, we respectfully request that donations be made to a charity of your choice. And for Mary, she would be delighted to know people shared time and memories with loved ones over a cup of tea.

As per Mary's request, a private family service was held Saturday, May 2nd at her beloved piece of heaven.

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